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SUBJECT: COMORO ISLANDS' INDEPENDENCE

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1. OAU PRESS RELEASE, REPORTED FRONT PAGE OF JULY 9 ETHIOPIAN HERALD, WHICH EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR STAND TAKEN BY COMORO PRIME MINISTER AHMED ABDULLAH ON THE JULY 6 PROCLAMATION OF INDEPENDENCE FOR COMORO ISLANDS. DOCUMENT STATES THAT PRIME MINISTER'S DECISION REFLECTS THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE AS EXPRESSED BY THE DECEMBER 22, 1974 REFERENDUM "IN WHICH OVER 95 PERCENT OF COMOROS'

POPULATION VOTED FOR COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE FROM FRANCE."

2. IN CONFORMITY WITH ITS CHARTER, OAU HAS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED RIGHT OF PEOPLE OF COMOROS TO INDEPENDENCE AND MAINTENANCE OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND WILL PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO THE COMOROS TO ENABLE IT TO DEFEND SAME. OAU APPEALS TO MEMBER STATES AND ALL PEACE-LOVING NATIONS TO RECOGNIZE THE INDEPENDENCE

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OF THE COMOROS PEOPLE.

3. THE OAU, DOCUMENT CONTINUES, DEPLORES IN STRONG TERMS THE
MANEUVERS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE TO PERPETUATE ITS DOMINATION
OF THE COMOROS. IT IS NOT TOO LATE, HOWEVER, FOR FRANCE TO REDRESS
THE SITUATION AND RESPECT THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE OF THE COMOROS
FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY.
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